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The Bonnie View Inn's beloved mascot has passed away. See page 2.

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Daisy Duke, beloved Bonnie View Inn pig: 2012 to 2021

SUE TIFFIN

County Life Staff

When Daisy Duke died at the end of January, Andrea Hagarty was inundated with comments, e-mails, messages, photos and stories of the eight-year-old pig that had become a beloved icon and mascot of the Bonnie View Inn.

"[Daisy] lived a very loved 'pig life' full of adventure, visits from many, many, many friends and soooooo much good food from the Bonnie View restaurant," said Hagarty on an Instagram post eulogizing Daisy on Jan. 30.

"So sorry to hear about Daisy," said one commenter in response. "One of the things we looked forward to at breakfast at Bonnie View was taking some fruit to Daisy and seeing [that] tail wag."

"So many wonderful memories of me calling you to the fence for the guests to see you," said another. "Serving breakfast and getting some very interested kids excited to give you some wonderful leftovers and coming to see you to give you a good scratch."

"[Daisy] was such a good pig, and a friend to all," said another.

Hagarty has long been known for her love of pigs, an animal she found cute and comforting, and that became the theme of birthdays and Christmas gifts to her. She had always wanted a pet pig, but her home in Mississauga wasn't an ideal spot for an animal. In 1992, when she knew she would be staying at the Bonnie View Inn for a long period of time, she said she "put it out there" that she was looking for a pet pig. That's how Penelope, a miniature Vietnamese pot-bellied pig from a family on Gelert Road, came to be the first pig to live at the inn and start making connections, facilitating friendships and providing unique



Andrea Hagarty pets Daisy Duke, the Vietnamese pot-bellied pig pet who was an icon at the Bonnie View Inn, featuring in the logo, on clothing, and as the namesake of the inn's patio bar, Daisy's. /Photos submitted

interactions for stories.

"A couple of years ago I was with my husband at Wanderlust in Mount Tremblant," said Hagarty. "We were guiding a hike and I was the sweep [at the] back of the group. There were two people at the back with me and we got talking. I said I lived in Haliburton and owned a resort called the Bonnie View Inn – the lady said, 'my dad gave a lady at a resort a pig years ago!' Crazy small world. That was Penelope."

Penelope was at first an indoor pig,

who would greet guests in the lobby, sit, stand and roll over and was completely housetrained. But after Hagarty's son was born, Penelope became jealous, stealing his soother when he dropped it, chewing it up and spitting it back at him. Eventually she moved outside and became an outdoor pig, living in a pen next to the inn with a heated insulated shed in the back and a walk-out so she didn't have to touch the snow in winter.

"She was popular for guests and kids from all over to visit her and feed her vegetables," reads a history of the pigs written by Hagarty. "She was an amazing composter for leftovers in the restaurant, except for the snow peas she would leave off to the side."

Penelope eventually died of old age in 2008, leaving behind a legacy and an empty pen.

"After her, I didn't want another pig ever again at first," said Hagarty. "But the guests came all that year and wanted to see a pig – hence, I got Daisy."

Friends of Andrea found Daisy at a farm on Hwy 11, and soon Daisy was as popular as Penelope, acquiring a well-fed job at the Bonnie View as the inn icon, where a pig became part of the logo and the patio, Daisy's, was named for the new addition to the Bonnie View family.

"Daisy was so funny," said Hagarty. "She loved people. Loved food."

The inn gift shop had piggy banks and pig logos on the shirts, and when guests asked 'why the pigs?', Hagarty responded by hanging a framed story of her love for pigs in the lobby, a space filled with more than 1,200 pig-themed gifts guests had brought Hagarty through the years.

"I had them up on shelves in the lobby so when a guest returned, I could say – there is your pig!" said Hagarty. "I still get them! I have the ones from the lobby in my house now in Minden on the back deck, because truly each one is special. For Christmas this year we had a 'pig' theme at our house with the outside decorations from guests gifts – light up ones."

When Daisy was small, Hagarty felt bad that the pig was outside alone, and

asked online if anyone had kittens.

"I had read that they were the best friends for pigs," said Hagarty. "A few days later, a local lady brought me a box of kittens she was looking for homes for, super little, and I picked one. It lived inside for a bit but then I tried to introduce her to Daisy and there was no way it was staying outside ... it kept coming back inside."

That cat was Jazz, a kitty with an Instagram (@wheresjazzthecat) who lives in Minden and has a story of her own, quickly finding ways to be welcomed into snack-filled homes of neighbours and taking walks along the Riverwalk with visitors.

"A few years later we found kittens across the road, not sure where they came from, but one found Daisy and they became best friends," said Hagarty. "I called it Fred and he hung out sometimes on [Daisy's] back."

When Hagarty closed the inn last winter, there was no food from the restaurant, power on for heat or people around to take care of Daisy, and Randy and Sue MacDonald at Killara Station said yes right away to taking Daisy – and Daisy's cat, Fred – in.

"Randy and Sue took wonderful care of Daisy," said Hagarty.

They also noticed that Daisy might be more of a Duke.

"I thought Daisy was a 'she' the entire time I had 'her,'" said Hagarty. "Then when she got to Killara Station, we found out 'she' was a 'he'."

Daisy was missed at the Bonnie View, where Hagarty said the past summer without the beloved pig there, "it was constant, people looking for [Daisy]."

Now, after Daisy's death, the well-known pig will be missed throughout the county and by Bonnie View Inn guests from near and far. "The reaction is way bigger than I imagined, over 600 interactions between Facebook and Instagram, over 150 comments/emails and messages with pictures," said Hagarty. "We will have some kind of memory book here at the inn in the history section for sure."

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Gerontology student bringing joy through robocats

SUE TIFFIN

County Life Staff

A few years back, researchers in south-west England invited a group of people aged 60 to 99 at a supported living retirement complex to interact with eight different toys, each of them at a separate station. As participants moved around the room engaging with the toys, which included lifelike robotic companions designed to look like a seal, a dog and a cat, as well as less interactive toys like a plastic dinosaur and a knitted hedgehog, researchers filmed the activity and later led the seniors in a group discussion and debrief of their experiences.

Amongst the 17 participants, more than half most preferred their time spent with the toys that were familiar, soft, interactive and lifelike, choosing as their favourite the cat, followed by the dog – robotic companion toys that were created under the Hasbro name and are quickly becoming a common support in long-term care homes and assisted living facilities.

It's a study that drew the attention of Lynda Williams, a Haliburton resident who is studying for her second degree during her retirement and, in her downtime, organizing an online fundraiser to help purchase 25 Joy for All cats for local long-term care homes.

"It's just awesome how these things work," said Williams. "They're so interactive, it's really quite amazing."

Williams was a teacher at J. Douglas Hodgson, though at the time of her teaching career which began when she was 19, it wasn't yet necessary to have a degree.

"I always thought, I'd really love to go to university," she said. "Once I hit 60, I thought, I'd really love to go to university."

After doing some research, Williams found that two universities in Ontario waived the tuition fees for seniors and so found herself in her 60s earning her first degree – in religious studies with a minor in women's studies – in 2015. When she found out that four-year degrees were being offered online, she enrolled again, and is currently studying a major of gerontology with a minor in Indigenous studies.

"This will be my second degree through Laurentian [University] because I wanted an honours," she said. "Because who knows, I might go on to my Master's, I'm



Seniors involved in a 2019 study in England test which robotic toy is most fulfilling as a companion. The Joy for All animatronic cat and dog were most compelling to the majority of study participants. Local resident Lynda Williams is now fundraising to bring 25 of the robotic cats to local long-term care homes. /Photo courtesy of BMJ Journals

not sure. That's kind of the hope."

Williams, who is 70 and whose mom is 93, said gerontology was of interest to her in part because of the conversation toward looking at how aging well and living in a congregated living setting can be done "in a different way, in a more gentle way, in a more inclusive way," to allow for autonomy for seniors as they age.

As she studied, she became interested in research done on the positive effects of roboanimals – most of it recent, conducted in the past decade or so.

"At the beginning they were using them mostly for dementia patients but now they're finding how good they are just for anybody," she said. "I've seen them in person, so I know if you touch here, it looks at you, if you touch somewhere else, it'll roll over because it wants its belly rubbed, and it will meow. It's fairly good that way, even when you just see it, and it feels really nice, which is a big change from what there used to be ... Because of how they're lifelike, how they look lifelike, they feel lifelike, and what they do is lifelike."

While our local long-term care facilities do have access to some robocats, Williams said she wanted to ensure there would be enough animated companion pets to help those who are most feeling the effects of isolation and loneliness during the pandemic citing research that

suggested people felt "a sense of calm or comfort as a result of holding, hugging or affectionate interacting with this pet," and "improving in mood, a calming influence." She found an Ontario supplier, and worked out details, including a small discount for the bulk purchase – Williams's goal is to bring 10 each of the Joy for All creatures to Extendicare and Hyland Crest, and five to Highland Wood. But at \$250, plus tax and shipping, per robocat, she began reaching out to the community for support through a GoFundMe page, hoping to raise \$5,500

to cover the cost of purchase and shipping of the "furry, fantastic, meowing and purring robocats."

The companion animals can be washed and sanitized, and Williams said the cats might help the residents who receive less phone calls and visits than others, until all residents are vaccinated and they can be shared more freely.

But it's not just because of the pandemic that Williams has launched the robocats campaign – she said once she did the research and found out how valuable the animatronic animals are to the elderly, she felt compelled to bring them to those in need of some extra comfort. It's long been her nature to help – as a teacher, she tried to support students in need, and appreciates community fundraisers like service club road tolls.

"We're a small community and if we don't support the needs of our community, who is going to?" she asked.

The fundraising campaign to help bring animated companion pets to local long-term care homes began last week, with help sorting out the online fundraiser from Williams's daughter, Heather.

"Share with your friends, put it on your Facebook if you feel comfortable doing so, please get the word out there, thank you very much for anyone who donates," said Williams. "I'm truly thankful for any amount, because pennies make dollars, and dollars keep going."

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HHSS student artist profile



April Kovacs is a graduating Grade 12 student that has taken visual arts, drama, media arts and yearbook throughout her years at HHSS. In the future, April plans to explore various career opportunities involving art, hopefully starting with film.

In life, I have a broad range of interests. I like to read, write, draw whenever I'm

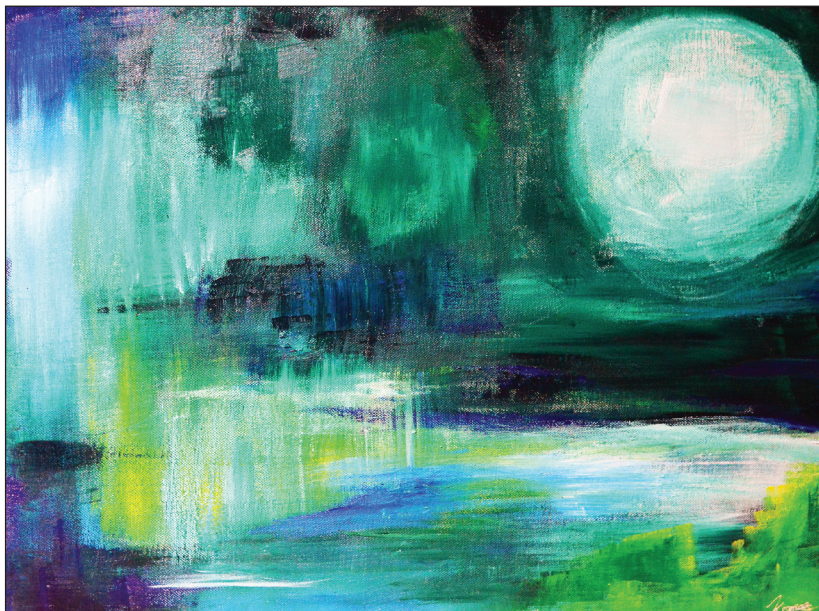
bored, and I am a movie fanatic. I get a lot of inspiration from my interests, especially from writing. I enjoy telling stories, and creating scenes and that shows in my work. In my art, you'll find a mix between surrealism and fantasy. A common motif in my work is vines. I really like the way they can take over the movement they create. Most of my ideas come up on the spot, and can be derived from my random doodles.

The medium I use is based on my mood. My two main media are coloured pencil and acrylic paints, but sometimes I'll work digitally. I like paint because of the way it blends and how rich the colours can be.

My most influential artists are Salvador Dali and Vincent Van Gogh. Dali creates surreal, oddball pieces, and Van Gogh's iconic style entails short brushstrokes, and bright vivid colours, making his landscapes almost seem fantastical.

For inspiration, I like to think of the films directed by Tim Burton. I love his art style and moods his films have.

I also find myself seeing images in unlikely things from my environment (for example, when there's frost



Moonlit, 2020. Acrylic on canvas, measuring 24 x 18 inches. Submitted

on the car window, I've always been able to see figures or creatures and depict a scene). In my work, I try to capture a whole new world, and create stories through my works, and make something beautiful. I would consider my art to be good, because I put a lot of time and effort into trying to bring something from my head into the real world, and I know it's done when I feel satisfied.



Otherworld, 2019. Pencil crayon on drawing paper, measuring 11 x 14 inches. Submitted



Resurgemus, 2019. Chalk pastel on black mixed media paper, measuring 12 x 9 inches. Submitted

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Grade 4 student Kaitlynn LaFontaine with a hand in a "rock" looks over at her peer, Faith Bailey during the "Rock, Paper, Scissors Relay - COVID Style" game.



Grade 5 students Daniel MacKenzie and Brody MacDonald play the "Rock, Paper, Scissors Relay - COVID Style" game.

Grade 5 student Mya Plumley runs during the relay.



Keeping active in the great outdoors
Wilberforce Elementary School's Stephanie Rogers exercises, as part of daily physical education on Thursday, Feb. 4 in Wilberforce. The students have been recording their exercise drill repetitions and track their past efforts to evaluate their progress. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Editorial

English is a funny ol' thing

I READ, OFTEN, that English is by far the single most difficult language an individual can try to learn.

It's a strange concept for most of us anglophones to wrap our heads around. After all, we've been speaking English for most of our lives. We picked it up when we were babies, and were fluent before we hit double digits. How hard can it be?

This particular topic of conversation came up recently during an online chat with a group of my friends. In what was a brief foray away from the typical topics – football [okay, soccer], football [again, soccer] and ... Ok, fine ... soccer – we started discussing how hard it would be attempting to learn a second language. You see, one of my friends has been presented with a job opportunity that would require him to move from England to France. Before he commits one way or the other, he wants to try to learn how to speak French.

A reasonable decision, I thought. Immediately though, several of our other friends started to laugh. I guess the concept of learning a new language, or more specifically this certain friend attempting to learn a new language, was funny to them. I listened as a couple of them claimed there's no harder language in the world to learn than French.

This is where I sprang into action, equipped with the knowledge that it is in fact English that is the most difficult to pick up. I know this because Google told me so.

"Nah, get out of it. What are you on about? You're off your rocker you are, Mike," one exclaimed.

Now I'm not sure why I chose this particular hill to die on, but I doubled down.

I started referencing the usual linguistic mysteries that I'm sure most of you have heard of. My favourite was looking at two states south of the border – Kansas and Arkansas. Why is it that Kansas is pronounced exactly

how it sounds, yet Arkansas is pronounced 'Are-can-saw'?

There was silence.

Then I found this doozie online.

If the 'gh' sound in 'enough' is pronounced 'F' and the 'O' in 'women' makes the short 'I' sound, and the 'T' in 'nation' is pronounced 'sh', then shouldn't the artificial word 'ghoti' be pronounced just like 'fish'?

Furthermore, using the same method and reinforcing the original point, ghoti could also be seen to be a completely silent word. Taking the 'gh' from 'though', the 'O' from 'people', the 'T' from 'ballet' and the 'I' from 'business' and there you have it – nothing at all.

Now, you may be thinking to yourself 'what on earth are you talking about?' or 'what's the point of all of this?' I guess that, in itself, is the point. English is such a complicated language that by trying to break down and explain exactly why it is complicated, I've complicated matters to such a point that my point now seems pointless.

English sure is a funny ol' thing.



MIKE BAKER
Editor

Top 10 reasons why Superman is no longer plausible

LIKE MOST people, I have great respect for the good work that Superman did. Unfortunately, those were done in simpler times. The recent attack on the US Capitol made me long for the days when Superman could just fly in and stop all those domestic terrorists in their tracks – or at least make them clean up their own poop.

But, alas, those days are gone. Here are the 10 reasons why you can't expect Superman to show up these days.



STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Supergirl does the job just as good for 85 per cent of the pay.
2. It's just too hard to social distance while rescuing people.
3. He's now vulnerable to Kryptonite and probably COVID-19.
4. X-ray vision use leaves you open to all sorts of legal jeopardy.
5. The phrase "Truth, justice and the American way" is not exactly reassuring these days.
6. Every episode would have to be at Mar-A-Lago or Trump Tower – and that's already being covered by Fox News.
7. These days it is way too hard for aliens to get into the U.S.
8. The Daily Planet is now an online publication.
9. A good lawyer for the defence would have a field day with his back story.
10. He can no longer cross into Canadian airspace to get to the Fortress of Solitude.

Stars

Sun hollowing clouds, diamond light igniting Snow,
 glinting before my eyes, as my feet follow the path
 they have clomped along hundreds of times,
 fringed by stalks of tall grasses that separate the path
 from the road,

their glass spines, shattered, half-buried in Snow,
 the other side flanked by
 a forest of reeds and eruptions of weeds,
 all of them withered by
 Wind, bulldozed by Snow.

I gaze down at the glaze
 of Snow,

mesmerized by the diamonds dancing all around
 me, for a few moments,

I don't even feel the
 blades of cold, piercing my
 cheeks, stabbing my bones,
 only these shards of silver
 light, winking up at me,
 like displaced stars.

I glance at all the boot
 prints that came before me
 plodding back and forth
 along the path,

little ones skittering
 alongside big ones, a pair of
 them veering off the path,
 rumpling the crust of
 Snow,

stopping at the old willow,
 burls bulging beneath
 its bark,

twigs springing like whisks
 from a spot

on its trunk,
 sheathed in a film of ice.

I crunch through the Snow, following the footsteps
 towards the stooped willow,

its limbs bending towards the edge of the Lake,
 entombed in ice,
 the bones of an abandoned dock,
 poking through Snow.

I graze the trunk of the old willow, with my
 mittenless fingers,

feeling the roughness of
 its bark and the twigs that
 sprout from its trunk,
 wondering how long this
 willow has grown here,
 how many winters it's
 endured alongside the
 crumpled weeds and this
 rotting dock,
 frozen in time, beneath a
 quilt of Snow.

I squint out at the tundra
 of Lake,

at the diamond stars
 twinkling in the Snow,
 the smoothness of Sky,
 the sharpness of light,
 slicing through this cold
 that numbs my toes,
 as I stand between the
 willow and the relic of
 dock, feeling time slide into
 my bones.

I turn to follow the pair of
 small footprints back
 onto the path,
 that my own steps have
 walked along
 hundreds of times,
 each time a new discovery
 waits for me,

beneath this always same yet changing Sky.

Sylvie Kalenda



Six-letter word for Levasseur: winner

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County Life Staff

She was feeling lucky and it turned out she was right, with Carolanne Levasseur winning \$100,000 on a scratch ticket she purchased at Minden's On The Spot Variety.

"I only bought one, and I told the girl I was feeling lucky," Levasseur told the Times, adding she likes to play \$5 Instant Crossword tickets. She was in disbelief when she got home, scratched the ticket, and realized that \$5 had just been transformed into \$100,000.

"I had to scan it a few times to believe it," Levasseur said, explaining she'd headed back to the variety store after realizing that she'd won the top prize.

That win took place in December, with Levasseur recently receiving her cheque from the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation.

In more normal times, after a win of this size, Levasseur would travel to Toronto for an interview and photo op and to pick up her cheque. Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, that interview took place via Skype, with the cheque sent by courier.

"I've invested and paid off the car," said Levasseur of her plans for the money.

"And the rest is down the road," she said, adding she intends to make the windfall last as long as possible.



Carolanne Levasseur said she was feeling lucky before winning \$100,000 on a scratch ticket purchased at On the Spot Variety. /Submitted photo

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I had to scan it a few times to believe it.

— Carolanne Levasseur

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HHLT launches virtual Land Trust Discovery Days event

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust has announced that its Land Trust Discovery Days event will be offered virtually in 2021.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, events are currently being held online and include the tagline 'my backyard'. For the month of February, participants are invited to share any interesting photos or observations of animal tracks or signs. These can be shared as a comment to HHLT's weekly Discovery Days posts on Facebook, or can be emailed to admin@haliburtonland-trust.ca.

To date, the organization says it has received some "interesting submissions," with animal track experts hard at work as they try to identify some of the tricky prints left behind.

In addition to posting photos, participants are invited to visit the HHLT website at www.haliburtonland-trust.ca, where they will find printable or viewable brochures, tracking information, videos and

other educational materials related to animal tracks and signs. Video links have also been posted to the group's Facebook page.

"HHLT hopes that people of all ages and from far and wide will accept the challenge to participate in this fun-raising event," an HHLT media release reads. "Watch for information about upcoming events, online or in-person as regulations allow."

Future programs on the HHLT agenda include a 'speaking of wild-life' presentation, birding, information on leeks and spring wildflowers, and tree identification.

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Answers: A. bathtub B. shower C. slippery D. fall

A. 5 16 11 7 11 24 5

Clue: Place to bathe

B. 17 7 2 22 18 14

Clue: Cascade of water

C. 17 25 12 4 4 18 14 23

Clue: Without traction

D. 3 16 25 25

Clue: Rapidly move downward

Guess Who?

I am an athlete born in New York on February 17, 1963. Due to my moderate height, I didn't make the varsity squad in high school. But that didn't stop me from going on to be one of the greatest basketball players of all time.

Answer: Michael Jordan

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

Haliburton County Council!

The Haliburton County Home Builders Association would like to thank the Haliburton County Council for taking the initiative to redirect the proposed shoreline bylaw to an independent third party to review and oversee. We look forward to being part of the solution!

Lakefront Property Owners,

The Haliburton County Home Builders Association has spent the last few weeks bringing forward a few facts regarding the proposed Shoreline By-law that the County of Haliburton is attempting to implement. The goal of our media campaign is to bring awareness of the By-law to the waterfront property owners in the County.

The HCHBA is urging you to contact your municipal elected officials, Lake Association Executive as well as your M.P. and M.P.P. to voice your concerns and to ask questions. We also encourage you to visit the HCHBA website (www.hchba.ca/resources) where we have posted information relating to the proposed Shoreline Preservation By-law. We ask you to speak to your neighbours about their thoughts and we encourage you to write our local newspapers with your concerns.

The 30-metre setback from high-water mark is problematic. The high-water mark can be hard to identify and with the constant fluctuations within our local lakes it can be ever changing due to the erosion that these fluctuations cause. A more reasonable setback (5 metres) with high quality vegetation required for all lakefront properties would be a great start.

The process of understanding what projects require a permit and which ones do not needs to be clear, concise and easy for the homeowner or contractor to understand.

Will this bylaw require an Environmental Impact Studies or an Archaeological Assessment?

Will permits be required for road maintenance on private roads within the 30 m highwater mark?

Will there be an appeal process if a permit is denied?

The County of Haliburton needs to make a commitment to invest time and resources towards conducting their own independent research into other factors that could lead to the potential deterioration in the health of our local water bodies. Where is the evidence that provoked this bylaw to be created?

If this bylaw gets passed as is and no more development is done on the shoreline, will they be healthy?

If you have any questions, we at the HCHBA recommend that you write, email, or call your municipal elected officials with your comments or concerns. The Draft Bylaw and Questions and Answers can be found on our website under 'Resources' at www.hchba.ca



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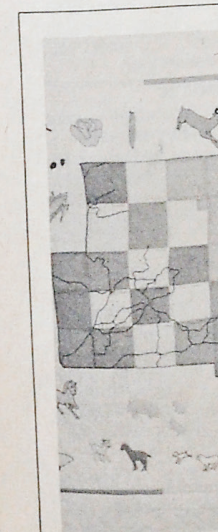
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Resort to be developed on Head Lake

Dysart et al agrees to concept, will sell 30 acre section of Glebe Park

Dysart et al council will sell 30 acres of its Glebe Park property on Head Lake to a Toronto based company which wants to build a \$10 million time sharing resort.

Council confirmed on Monday that it is considering a proposal from Sherwood Developments Ltd., which wants to erect 30 log dwellings and support facilities on the site. The buildings would be placed on lots a minimum of 100 feet wide, including eight which would front on the lake. Other lots would face paved roads built to municipal standards by the developer. All buildings would be serviced by sanitary sewers connected to the Dysart pollution plant. The developer would leave a buffer zone along the lakeshore to preserve the natural vegetation, and the public would continue to have access to snowmobile and cross country skiing trails which pass through the property.

While council is still negotiating with the development company, Reeve Murray Fearney said that the company would begin marketing the project as early as this spring if all the required conditions can be met.

The property to be developed is adjacent to the Haliburton Highlands Museum, and is part of the 130 acre Glebe Park parcel.

Council has obtained two independent appraisals of the property, and expects to sell it for about \$200,000 to Sherwood Developments. The money would be placed in trust, with the interest earmarked for development of Glebe Park. The principal would remain untouched, Fearney said.

Under the time sharing scheme proposed by the developers, people would purchase one or two week blocks of time, giving them full use of one of the log dwellings, and support facilities, including tennis courts, a swimming pool, sauna, boat launching ramp and docks. Up to 100 people could be vacationing on the site for most or all of the year.

"It will certainly have an impact on the community if the project goes forward," Fearney said, citing the economic benefits which could accrue to local businesses from the additional population.

While council is pleased with the potential benefits of the resort, it has moved cautiously from the outset, according to Fearney. He said the municipality is "concerned, because it is not familiar with time sharing as such".

Councillors have travelled to oth-

Guild seeks more money from council

The Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts has begun a pitch for more money from Dysart et al council. Council contributed about \$7,000 to the Guild and its main project, the Rails' End Gallery, in 1983, but board members have made it clear that more will be needed if the Guild is to continue the scope of its present operations.

Board member Ken Wilson told council on Monday that the Guild's financial position "is not strong". It is expected that the organization will have a deficit of about \$10,000 when its fiscal year ends in May. In 1983, the Guild had a deficit of \$9,041 on total expenditures of \$114,023.

Main reason for the shortfall, council was told, is a decline in donations and memberships, occasioned at least partly by the turmoil surrounding the dismissal of former curator Lucinda St. Pierre. As well, the organization has found it difficult to budget for the cost of shows at the gallery, since they must be booked as much as a year and a half before they come to Haliburton, and charges can escalate in the interim. Speaking in support of the

er areas to take a close look at time sharing resorts and talk to officials in those areas. The municipality will ensure that "every safeguard is built in" to its agreement with the development company, Fearney said.

Because the development will be

hooked into sanitary sewers and a buffer zone will be maintained along the lakeshore, no environmental impact study is anticipated, according to the reeve. An official plan amendment will be necessary, however, to rezone the 30 acre parcel.

Council is "viewing it as 30 additional residences in the community," the reeve said.

It is expected that the developers would use local contractors to carry out work on the project wherever possible.

"If everything falls into place,

they would hope to be marketing the units in the spring or summer of this year," Fearney said.

Council will meet with representatives of the company later this month to discuss the price of the land and other details of the proposed project.



This is an artist's sketch of the proposed time sharing development which Sherwood Developments hopes to construct on a 30 acre property fronting on Head Lake in Haliburton. Council is negotiating with the

company at the moment, and if details can be worked out, construction could begin as early as this spring. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$10 million.

Dysart says no to radar unit funds

Councillors say province should equip local police, refuse cost share

Despite a request from former county warden Bill Howe, Dysart et al council will not contribute to the purchase of a mobile radar unit for the Minden detachment of the OPP.

At a meeting Monday, council voted against bearing a portion of the estimated \$2,500 cost of the unit. Reeve Murray Fearney voted in favour of assisting the purchase, while councillor Dorothy Baker abstained.

The request from Howe was contained in a letter sent to the reeves of every municipality in Haliburton County.

Howe said he had been "made aware of what I consider a serious situation in the county. The OPP are hampered in controlling speeding due to the lack of a mobile radar unit being at Minden detachment's disposal on a full time basis."

Howe said that because of restraint programs and cut backs in funding levels, the province has said it will not fund the purchase of a mobile radar unit for the exclusive use of the Minden detachment. (At the moment Minden shares a unit with the Cobocok detachment).

"We are all aware of the carnage taking place because of excessive speed and the use of alcohol and drugs, which certainly warrants this necessary protection," the former warden said.

He suggested that the cost of the unit could be shared equally among the 10 municipalities in the county, or apportioned according to the formula used for municipal contributions to the county budget. In the first case Dysart's share would be \$250, and in the second, approximately \$700.

While Reeve Murray Fearney was in favour of backing Howe's request, other members of council were not.

Councillor Sid Cooper said he felt the purchase would be "a waste of money". Cooper said that police would "only catch one guy every 15 minutes, and it's probably the wrong guy anyway." He said the unit would be "just a way to keep (the police) busy."

Councillor Glen Hodgson noted that the radar unit should be basic equipment for the detachment, and as such, should be provided by the province rather than by a direct

contribution from local taxpayers.

Deputy reeve Gary McKnight expressed a similar view.

"If the government thinks that a radar unit is important, then (the OPP) should have it. But I don't see why we should be involved at all."

Reeve Murray Fearney said that while he agreed in principle with that position, it was clear that the province was not going to make funds available to buy the unit.

"If it's any deterrent at all, I think we should have it," he said, in support of assisting the purchase. "It could save a life."

But Hodgson, McKnight and councillor Lloyd Leadbeater voted against contributing municipal funds for the unit. Fearney voted for it, and Baker abstained, although other councillors pointed out that to abstain was to vote against the purchase.

Crime up, meeting is told

BY CREIGHTON FEIR

The crime rate is increasing in Haliburton County, mainly due to economic conditions, and break and entries, especially around cottages, are up 47% over the same period in 1982.

These facts were presented to a concerned crowd of nearly 35 citizens who were on hand at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Monday night to attend the first meeting of the Haliburton Village Neighbourhood Watch Program. The meeting, which was held to explain the Neighbourhood Watch self-help property protection program, was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Haliburton in co-operation with the Ontario Provincial Police.

Purpose of the Neighbourhood Watch program, according to pamphlet handed out at the meeting, is to encourage neighbours to watch other neighbour's property during times when burglaries are likely to occur. A police officer patrolling a community may not recognize a stranger in your yard - but your neighbours would.

Minden Detachment Community Services officer Gary Chapman presented a film showing how burglars operate and how crime can be brought under control if people call the O.P.P. when suspicious persons or activities are observed in a neighbourhood.

Chapman said the O.P.P. will help in this program whenever they are called on but said it must be set up and run by interested citizens in the community.

Sergeant Bill Bailey outlined ways that the average citizen can protect himself, one of which is to join Operation Identification. He said thieves usually stay away from homes and buildings when they know that the serial numbers and other information make the stolen item hard to dispose of. Bailey also stressed that vehicles should always be locked. Statistics show that 80% of stolen cars have been left

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Building permits rise

An upsurge in the Canadian economy is seen as the reason for a substantial jump in construction that boosted Dysart et al's tax base by almost \$5 million last year.

A total of 283 building permits were issued in the municipality in 1983, for structures with an estimated value of \$4,797,700.

The permits were for 23 dwellings, valued at \$1,103,500. 56 seasonal residences with an estimated

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